Formulation of Master Plan by different States

1112 SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state

(a) whether different States have been asked to formulate Master Plans for their cities and towns,

(b) whether there is any system of monitoring the growth and development of Cities in different States,

(c) whether any incentive is being given to States to formulate Master Plan for different cities and towns, and

(d) what steps Government propose to take to encourage States to plan their urban areas?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DAULAT RAM SARAN). (a) Urban development is a State subject Hence the responsibility of preparation of development plans/master plans for the towns/cities develops upon the State Government concerned

(b) Growth of the area and population of cities is maintained on a periodical basis with the help of Census data The State Governments, through their State Town planning Departments/Local Bodies/Improvement Trusts, etc are making effort to monitor the orderly growth and development of the towns/cities .

(c) and (d) At present there is no such scheme operating in the Central sector

Stoppage of Gomti Express near Aligarh

1113. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state·

(a) whether it is a fact that the mobs near Aligarh Railway Station has stopped the Delhi bound Gomti Express on the 8th December, 1990 and lynched several persons including the railway officials;

(b) whether Railway Protection Force available in the said train;

(c) if so, what action RPF has taken when mobs attacked the train, and

(d) the steps Government have taken/Proposed to take to provide safe journey to its commuters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS) (a) Yes Sir On 8-12-1990 at about 12 05 hrs an unruly mob stopped train No. 2419 Up Gomti Express at outer signal near East Cabin at Aligarh and attacked the passengers and Railway officials. The State Police have registered a criminal case in this regard

(b) and (c) No, Sir The train was escorted by GRP/Uttar Pradesh

(d) The State Government of Uttar Pradesh which is responsible for maintaining law and order on the Railway premises including trains, are taking adequate security measures in the affected areas and the railways are extending assistance wherever required

Recruitment promotions seniority and transfer policies of ITDC

1114. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ITDC's existing Recruitment Promotion, Seniority and Transfer Policies and Rules are unilateral, arbitrary and prejudicial to the interest of majority of its serving employees;

(b) if the answer to part (a) above be in the negative, the factual position and basis thereof; and

(c) what efforts are being made to make them more realistic for the overall benefit of its employees and removing their stagnation/frustration and discrimination, if any, in the matter of career advancement/progression and periodic transfers to the various disciplines in the ITDC services?